

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 226. A bill to establish a Northern Border States-Canada Trade Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Snowe

Pages S 914, S 919-21

S. 233. *A bill to place a moratorium on executions by the Federal Government and urge the States to do the same, while a National Commission on the Death Penalty reviews the fairness of the imposition of the death penalty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Feingold

Pages S 915, S 923-7

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by the Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 per centum of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Shelby

Pages S 915, S 927-8

Measure Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: *Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 18*, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Nomination Considered:

Senate began consideration of the nomination of *John Ashcroft*, of Missouri, to be Attorney General of the United States.

Pages S 839-69, S 869-S 910, D 84

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Thursday, February 1, 2001, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur no later than 1:45 p.m.

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Measure Placed On The Calendar:

S. 220. *A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes.*

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the issues of the budget and the economic outlook of the United States.

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Committee Meeting For Thursday, February 1, 2001:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: @ 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight of Government

Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the decision of the General Accounting Office to place strategic human capital management on GAO's "High- Risk" list of federal agencies and programs that are vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement, including administrative and legislative solutions to the human capital crisis. SD- 342.

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Remarks:

Retirement Of U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Hon. Brett Dorian.

"...In 1988, Judge Dorian was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Fresno. He served as a Bankruptcy Judge for almost 12 years. Judge Dorian served an eight county area in Central California. Judge Dorian has long been known as a thorough, dedicated and compassionate judge. Throughout his judicial career, he was diligent in carefully balancing the law in his cases and protecting the rights of those who appear before him..."

Boxer

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Safeguarding Children. (Gun Legislation Discussed)

Levin

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Nomination Of John Ashcroft.

Graham

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 318. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform dollar limitation for all types of transportation fringe benefits excludable from gross income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

McGovern

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H.R. 321. *A bill to assure protection for the substantive due process rights of the innocent, by providing a temporary moratorium on carrying out of the death penalty to assure that persons able to prove their innocence are not executed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Jackson

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H.R. 327. A bill to *amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code*, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Burton

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H.R. 331. A bill to *provide that the Davis-Bacon Act* shall not apply to contracts for the construction and repair of schools and libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Cunningham

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 333. *A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently*

determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Gekas

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H.R. 347. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations to protect the privacy of personal information collected from and about individuals on the Internet, to provide greater individual control over the collection and use of that information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Green

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H.R. 349. A bill to *amend title 5, United States Code*, to provide competitive civil service status for National Guard technicians who are involuntarily separated other than for cause from National Guard service; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Hayworth

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H.R. 362. A bill to ensure that law enforcement agencies determine, before the release or transfer of a person, whether that person has an outstanding charge or warrant, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

McCarthy

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H.R. 366. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to make unlawful the knowing dissemination of false information regarding elections for Federal office with the intent of discouraging another person from voting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Moore

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H.R. 372. A bill to *prevent Members of Congress from receiving any automatic pay adjustment* which might otherwise take effect in 2002; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Rivers

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H.R. 373. A bill to amend the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to protect Social Security surpluses; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Rogers

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H.R. 374. *A bill to establish a National Commission to Eliminate Waste in Government; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Royce

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H.R. 382. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry certain concealed firearms in the State, and to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stearns

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd):

H.R. 389. A bill *to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code*, to require coverage for the treatment of infertility; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the

Workforce, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Weiner

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H.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jenkins

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Adjournment Resolution:

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 18, providing for the adjournment of the House until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2001.

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Committee Election:

The House agreed to H. Res. 25 electing the following members to standing committees of the House:

Committee on Appropriations:

Mr. Obey of Wisconsin, Mr. Murtha of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dicks of Washington, Mr. Sabo of Minnesota, Mr. Hoyer of Maryland, Mr. Mollohan of West Virginia, Ms. Kaptur of Ohio, Ms. Pelosi of California, Mr. Visclosky of Indiana, Mrs. Lowey of New York, Mr. Serrano of New York, Ms. DeLauro of Connecticut, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Olver of Massachusetts, Mr. Pastor of Arizona, Mrs. Meek of Florida, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Edwards of Texas, Mr. Cramer of Alabama, Mr. Kennedy of Rhode Island, Mr. Clyburn of South Carolina, Mr. Hinchey of New York, Ms. Roybal-Allard of California, Mr. Farr of California, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Kilpatrick of Michigan, and Mr. Boyd of Florida.

Committee on the Budget:

Mr. Spratt of South Carolina, Mr. McDermott of Washington, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Mr. Bentsen of Texas, Mr. Davis of Florida, Mrs. Clayton of North Carolina, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Markey of Massachusetts, Mr. Kleczka of Wisconsin, Mr. Clement of Tennessee, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, Mr. Holt of New Jersey, Mr. Hoeffel of Pennsylvania, and Ms. Baldwin of Wisconsin.

Committee on Government Reform:

Mr. Waxman of California, Mr. Lantos of California, Mr. Owens of New York, Mr. Towns of New York, Mr. Kanjorski of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mink of Hawaii, Mrs. Maloney of New York, Ms. Norton of the District of Columbia, Mr. Fattah of Pennsylvania, Mr. Cummings of Maryland, Mr. Kucinich of Ohio, Mr. Blagojevich of Illinois, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Tierney of Massachusetts, Mr. Turner of Texas, Mr. Allen of Maine, Mr. Ford of Tennessee, and Ms. Schakowsky of Illinois.

Committee on the Judiciary:

Mr. Conyers of Michigan, Mr. Frank of Massachusetts, Mr. Berman of California, Mr. Boucher of Virginia, Mr. Nadler of New York, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Watt of North Carolina, Ms. Lofgren of California, Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas, Ms. Waters of California, Mr. Meehan of Massachusetts, Mr. Delahunt of Massachusetts, Mr. Wexler of Florida, Mr. Rothman of New Jersey, Ms. Baldwin of Wisconsin, and Mr. Weiner of New York.

Committee Election (Cont'd.):

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

Mr. Oberstar of Minnesota, Mr. Rahall of West Virginia, Mr. Borski of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lipinski of Illinois, Mr. DeFazio of Oregon, Mr. Clement of Tennessee, Mr. Costello of Illinois, Ms. Norton of the District of Columbia, Mr. Nadler of New York, Mr. Menendez of New Jersey, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mr.

Barcia of Michigan, Mr. Filner of California, Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, Mr. Mascara of Pennsylvania, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Ms. Millender-McDonald of California, Mr. Cummings of Maryland, Mr. Blumenauer of Oregon, Mr. Sandlin of Texas, Mrs. Tauscher of California, Mr. Pascrell of New Jersey, Mr. Boswell of Iowa, Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts, Mr. Holden of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lampson of Texas, Mr. Baldacci of Maine, Mr. Berry of Arkansas, Mr. Baird of Washington, Ms. Berkley of Nevada, Mr. Carson of Oklahoma, Mr. Matheson of Utah, Mr. Honda of California, and Mr. Larsen of Washington.

Committee on Ways and Means:

Mr. Rangel of New York, Mr. Stark of California, Mr. Matsui of California, Mr. Coyne of Pennsylvania, Mr. Levin of Michigan, Mr. Cardin of Maryland, Mr. McDermott of Washington, Mr. Kleczka of Wisconsin, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Neal of Massachusetts, Mr. McNulty of New York, Mr. Jefferson of Louisiana, Mr. Tanner of Tennessee, Mr. Becerra of California, Mrs. Thurman of Florida, Mr. Doggett of Texas, and Mr. Pomeroy of North Dakota.

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Honorable Bud Shuster Resignation:

Read a letter from *Representative Shuster* wherein he announced his resignation from the House of Representatives, effective February 2, 2001.

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Committee Meeting:

Committee on the Judiciary: Met for organizational purposes. The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

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Remarks:

Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention And Consumer Protection Act Of 2001.

*"... This bill is identical to the conference report that accompanied H.R. 2415, the Gekas-Grassley Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2000, which passed the House by voice vote last October and passed the Senate with a veto-proof vote of 70 to 28 less than 2 months ago. The only revisions consist of a title change and the deletion of a provision that has already become law. [] This bill responds to several developments affecting bankruptcy law and practice. Based on data released by the **Administrative Office of the United States Courts**, bankruptcy filings have increased exponentially. Between 1994 and 1998, the number of filed bankruptcy cases grew by more than 72 percent. In 1998, bankruptcy filings, according to the Administrative Office, reached an "all-time high" of more than 1.4 million cases. Paradoxically, however, this dramatic increase in bankruptcy filing rates occurred during a period when the economy continued to be robust, with relatively low unemployment and high consumer confidence. ..."*

Gekas

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Consumer Online Privacy And Disclosure Act.

Green

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Remarks (Cont'd.):

In Opposition To Confirmation Of Senator Ashcroft For Attorney General.

"...Senator Ashcroft's willingness to jettison honesty and integrity to achieve his political ends is nothing new. As a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, he was well known for viciously attacking candidates whose political views did not agree with his extremist ideas. He opposed the confirmation of two highly qualified attorneys, Marsha Berzon and Richard Paez to the Federal Courts of Appeals. The

most recent offense was his dishonest and cynical campaign against a Federal judicial nomination of a highly qualified African-American Supreme Court Judge, Ronnie White. He demonstrated a disturbing lack of integrity by distorting the truth and misleading the press and his colleagues in the Senate in order to sabotage White's nomination to a Federal District Court..."

Jones

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Opposing Attorney General Nomination.

Conyers

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The War Against Drugs.

Weldon

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The Federal Employees Child Care Act, **H.R. 251.**

Gilman

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Safer America For Everyone's Children Act (Safe Children Act), **H.R. 255.**

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The Consumer Online Privacy Disclosure Act.

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Combat Illegal Immigration.

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The Children's Access To Technology Act.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., February 6, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich